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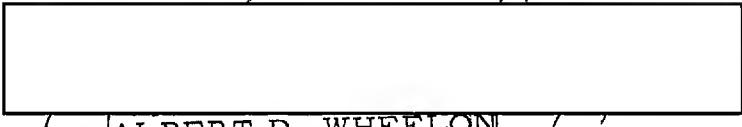
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: A-12 Background Paper

1. The attached background paper on the A-12 development has been prepared for your consideration in connection with current deliberations on a possible surfacing of the program.

2. Attachments to the background paper include a listing of items which we consider worthy of continued protection even if a surfacing is undertaken (TAB A) and a proposed press release (TAB B).

3. Assume you will want to get together with us to sort out those items in the background paper which should not be revealed publicly under any circumstances.

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(ALBERT D. WHEELON  
Deputy Director  
(Science and Technology))

Attachments - 3

- 1 - A-12 Background Paper
- 2 - TAB A
- 3 - TAB B

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